

The conglomerates will be too big to regulate and too big to fail and the taxpayer will be stuck with the consequences.

Additionally, along with my colleagues, Representatives WATERS, FRANKS, SANDERS, JONES of Ohio, and SCHAKOWSKY, we have tried to introduce the most basic of consumer protections as we give the financial services what they want. We have tried to protect fair housing by prohibiting insurance companies from discriminating, and we have tried to establish limited basic banking accounts for low-income customers, but without success.

This financial modernization bill, S. 900, or H.R. 10, is the product of 20 years of effort. It saddens me to see 20 years of work dissolve into this miserable bill. I ask my colleagues to vote against it.

GROUNDBREAKING OF THE AUSCHWITZ JEWISH CENTER

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 8, 1999

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, today I invite my colleagues to join me in commemorating the official ground-breaking for the Auschwitz Jewish Center a tribute to the Jews who perished in this century's most senseless tragedy. The Center, located in the last remaining synagogue in the town of Oswiecim (the Polish name for Auschwitz), will offer visitors to the site of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp an opportunity for reflection, education, and understanding of the enormous loss inflicted by the Holocaust.

The groundbreaking for the Auschwitz Jewish Center takes place on the eve of the sixty-first anniversary of Kristallnacht ("The Night of Broken Glass"), the 1938 Nazi pogrom that foreshadowed the Holocaust and marked the beginning of the Nazi effort to exterminate the Jews. Ninety-one German and Austrian Jews were murdered during Kristallnacht, and 26,000 more were arrested and deported to concentration camps. Nazi thugs set fire to 101 synagogues and destroyed almost 7,500 Jewish-owned businesses. This evening of terror and brutality marked the beginning of the end of German Jewry. Kristallnacht, which was orchestrated by Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels, was an attempt permanently to wreck the cultural and civic infrastructure of the Jewish people in the hope that Jews would never again find comfort in Germany.

Mr. Speaker, the anniversary of Kristallnacht reminds us yet again why the establishment of the Auschwitz Jewish Center holds such great significance. The Center will offer visitors seminar rooms, a library, a memorial wall to victims of the Holocaust, genealogy records, and a screening room for viewing testimonials from Holocaust survivors which will be made available through an agreement with Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation. It will allow guests to learn about Oswiecim's rich Jewish history, which dates back to medieval times, and it will permit them to ponder over the destruction of this community and thousands like it across Europe. Most of all, the Center will offer Jews and non-Jews alike the opportunity to mourn and remember.

I urge my colleagues to join me in praising the accomplishments of the Auschwitz Jewish

Center Foundation, Inc., a New York based tax-exempt organization created in 1995 to support the Center's creation, and its founder and president, noted philanthropist Fred Schwartz. Mr. Schwartz and his lovely wife, Allyne, visited Auschwitz in 1993 and shortly after began the process of creating an institution that would help to "attach human characteristics to the people who perished there." Fred set up the Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation and, aided by the devoted efforts of executive director/vice president Daniel Eisenstadt and a wealth of other talented individuals, and the Center has contributed immeasurably to the memory of the victims of Auschwitz and the Holocaust.

Mr. Speaker, Fred and Allyne Schwartz and all of their associates involved in the establishment of the Auschwitz Jewish Center merit the appreciation of every Member of the House. As a Holocaust survivor, I am grateful to them for paying tribute to the most horrendous legacy of the twentieth century. As a grandfather, I am even more indebted to them for keeping this memory alive for the twenty-first century and beyond.

MEDICARE, MEDICAID, AND SCHIP BALANCED BUDGET REFINEMENT ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL ARCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 1999

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit for the RECORD the attached letters which I and the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce have exchanged regarding H.R. 3075, the Medicare Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
Washington, DC, November 5, 1999.

Hon. THOMAS J. BLILEY, Jr.
*Chairman, House Committee on Commerce,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN BLILEY: This is in response to your letter regarding further consideration of H.R. 3075, the Medicare Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999.

I understand that, in order to expedite consideration of this legislation, the Committee on Commerce will not be marking up the bill. The Commerce Committee will take this action based on the understanding that it will be treated without prejudice as to its jurisdictional prerogatives on this measure or any other similar legislation. Further, I have no objection to your request for conferees with respect to matters in the Commerce Committee's jurisdiction if a House-Senate conference is convened on this or similar legislation.

Finally, I will seek to include in the Record a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

With best personal regards,
Sincerely,

BILL ARCHER,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,
Washington, DC, November 5, 1999.

Hon. BILL ARCHER,
*Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR BILL: I am writing regarding H.R. 3075, the Medicare Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999. As you know, the Committee on Commerce is an additional committee of jurisdiction for the bill, and I understand that the version of the bill that will be considered under the suspension calendar will contain a number of Medicaid provisions which fall within my Committee's exclusive jurisdiction.

However, in light of your willingness to work with me on those provisions within the Commerce Committee's jurisdiction, I will not exercise the Committee on Commerce's right to act on the legislation. By agreeing to waive its consideration of the bill, however, the Commerce Committee does not waive its jurisdiction over H.R. 3075. In addition, the Commerce Committee reserves its authority to seek conferees on any provisions of the bill that are within its jurisdiction during any House-Senate conference that may be convened on this legislation or similar legislation. I ask that you support our request in this regard.

I ask that you include a copy of this letter and your response in the Record during consideration of the bill on the House floor. Thank you for your consideration and assistance. I remain,

Sincerely,

TOM BLILEY,
Chairman.

MARCIA M. STEWART: HAPPY TRAILS

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 8, 1999

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that the Committee on Resources bids farewell to Marcia Stewart, Legislative Assistant to the Chief Counsel of the Committee. Marcia has been not only the right hand of the Chief Council's office, but often the heart, head and both feet.

Marcia Stewart is one of those staffers often seen but seldom heard. Her job was not a glamorous one, but one which was integral to the efficient and effective operation of the Committee on Resources. With her help, the Resources Committee has been one of the most productive in the House and she had a hand in every bill we moved (and we have moved hundreds so far). Her presence in markups, in hearings and on the Floor ensured that all would go well. In fact, her very first time staffing a bill on the Floor, the vote was unanimous, probably because no one could bear to disappoint her.

Marcia came to the Committee from the former Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, where she served as a staff assistant. Even then, her extraordinary skills were apparent, and she was a clear choice for the demanding duties of the Chief Counsel's office when I became Chairman of the Resources Committee in the 104th Congress. Her expertise and organizational skills have kept our legislative and oversight trains running on time. That is why I am not surprised that